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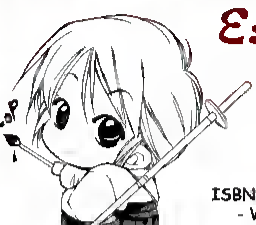

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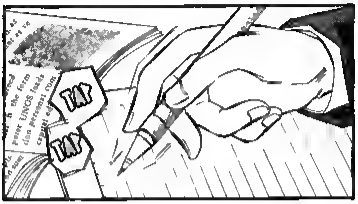
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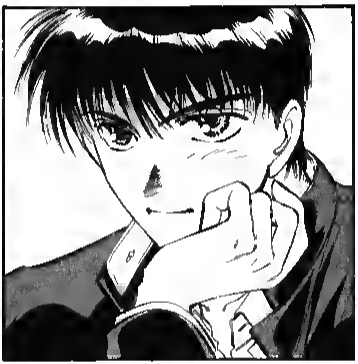
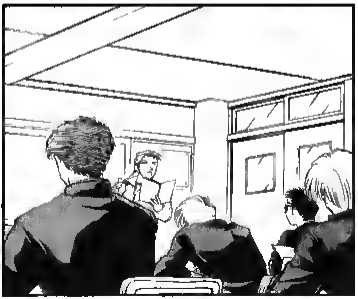




CLATTER
CLATTER
RISE
BOW!
SEE YA, TAJIMA!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "SEE YA?"
DON'T YOU STILL HAVE HOMEROOM CLASS?
AH, SORRY TAJIMA. CAN YOU MAKE UP SOME EXCUSE FOR ME?
LIKE I'M FEELING SICK AND HAD TO GO HOME, SOMETHING LIKE THAT...
GUESS I'LL HAVE TO.
IS THERE SOME-PLACE YOU'VE GOT TO BE?
YEAH, KIND OF

ISN'T TAKANASHI ON CLEAN-UP DUTY THIS WEEK?
WHAAT!?
HOLD IT! TAKANASHI!!
THANKS TAJIMA! I OWE YOU ONE!
But— it's just that—
I'm sorry, Tajima. I know this is pretty bad of me
Does he think he can just play hooky from cleaning during school? "beautiful" 3C custom time?
Isn't this month "school beautification" over, half-months?
THAT WEASEL!
I'M SO GOING TO REMEMBER THIS!
IN OTHER WORDS LOOKS LIKE YOU'LL BE FILLING IN FOR TAKANASHI TODAY WHILE HE SKIPS

What should I make for supper
I'm going to line up all of Ren's favourites!
Ren's finally returned home!
1 2 3 4
DING
SLIDE
TAP
If I walk into the apartment, Ren's going to be there

RUSTLE
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
What if Ren won't be inside
That's not going to be the case, now is it
Ren's return and everything else wasn't all of that just a dream?
This morning — Ren was there, real and perfectly solid, wasn't he?

It's possible that he could have been called out for some sudden work
For some news coverage to some far-away place again
If that's so I'm sure he'll come back again soon
But,
even if that's the case, in the meantime I'd be on my own again
What if— I open the door only to find that Ren isn't there— had never returned in the first place—

CHINK
breath
Deep
CLICK
I'M BACK...
OPEN
TURN
SILENCE

REN
YOU NOT IN ?
THU-MP
THU-MP
THU-MP
THU-MP
THU-MP
REN ?
TURN

YEAH
AH. WELCOME BACK
YOU'RE PRETTY EARLY AREN'T YOU
DAZE...
What is this
Thus sodden sense of security and bliss—
It seems that I really, seriously like Ren, don't I—
ALRIGHT
I'LL MAKE DINNER RIGHT AWAY
YOU MUST BE HUNGRY RIGHT?

"RESPONSIBILITY" IS IT...
IT'S MY RESPONSIBILITY. MAKE SURE YOU EAT UP EVERYTHING!
REACH
YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO RETURN ON FRIDAY ACCORDING TO THE 10 DAYS!!
AGAIN, ALL OF THIS...
YOU KEEP MAKING SUCH GRAND AND LAVISH DISHES
WELL, SORRY ABOUT THAT
So come on, eat
Get a move on and eat
All of it, eat!
I WAS WAITING WITH A COOKED MEAL ALL READY AND PREPARED AND YOU DIDN'T SHOW UP
IN THE END I HAD TO EAT THE WHOLE LOT BY MYSELF

Nothing but my favourite foods
Ah
And all of them are Japanese style
STA--ARE
WHAT?
CHEW CHEW
CHEW
NOTH...
NOTHING AT ALL
SLIP
SMILE
IT'S DELI-CIOUS

Eating alone never tasted good
YE...H
HUH?
SAY TAKAHASHI
YOU SEEM AWFULLY CHEERFUL CLIMBING AROUND UP THERE AFTER YOUR SUPPOSED SICKNESS ON MONDAY...
DID SOMETHING GOOD HAPPEN?
YOU COULD SAY THAT
Up we go
Don't fall

In that place
Be it reading books, or watching videos
Ren is home every day
NAH, THAT'S NOT IT
DID YOU FIND A NEW GIRLFRIEND?
FOR YOU TO HAVE BECOME SO AWFULLY LIGHT-HEARTED AND ACTIVE...
It doesn't appear as if he's working
I guess that after returning from those foreign countries he's taking a break
As usual, the words he exchanges are few
And he's pretty much ignoring the feelings I have toward him, but

WIDE
Hiromi...
It's that guy—
Sakai— or something was what he said
No matter that he doesn't give me a response
No matter that it's one-sided
That alone is enough
When I go home, I will see him

HMM...
SO THE RUMOURS THAT HAYASAKA AND SAKAI MISAKI ARE GOING OUT TOGETHER WERE TRUE
THAT GUY'S KINDA GOT A BAD REP THOUGH
WELL...
HE'S A PLAYBOY
BAD REPUTATION?

I

THE GIRLS HAVE IT BETTER ALL THEY HAVE TO DO IS HELP OUT WITH THE FLOWER BEDS...
委員
UWAHH...
I'M SUPPOSED TO STRAIGHTEN THIS ALL UP?
Is someone out there?
THUD
OUT
Ahhhhhh...
KEEP OUT
SMOKING IN A BLATANT PLACE LIKE THIS
HRUSH
HRUSH
ARGH
WHO THE HELL WAS THAT

KYAHAHA
For real?
Eeh? No way
SQUEAK
SHE LET YOU?
I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU'VE ALREADY TAKEN HAYASAKA'S SWEET LIPS...
DIDN'T EXPECT ANY LESS FROM YOU, MISAKI! YOU'RE A FAST MOVER
YEAH, YEAH. NOW COME ON AND COUGH UP
IT'S MY WIN

TURN
RATTLE
MO-IKKAI
THE WOMAN THAT IS ABLE TO RESIST MY AMAZING CHARMS HAS YET TO BE BORN
FOR HER TO LET YOU KISS HER AS SIMPLY AS THAT..
BUT MAN, THAT WAS REALLY SURPRISING. WE THOUGHT IT'D BE A LOT HARDER THAN THAT
RATTLE
TAKANA-SHI...

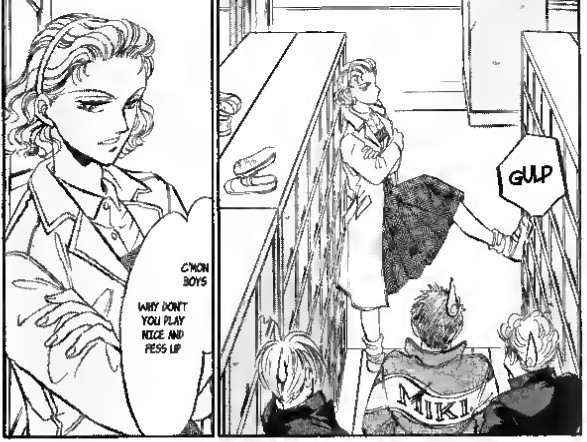
WHACK!
ALL OF YOU GUYS, GO ON BACK ME UP OF ME.
IT LOOKS LIKE THIS ONE'S BUSINESS LIES SOLELY WITH ME
EASTAN!
HOLD IT!

I'M GOING TO COLLECT THAT MONEY FROM YOU GUYS LATER ON
SHUFFLE
BUT HISASHI...
JUST GET GOING ALREADY, WILL YOU!
DID YOU!?
ABOUT HIROMI
FROM THE VERY BEGINNING DID YOU ONLY APPROACH HER WITH THE PURPOSE OF WINNING A BET?
THE GIRL YOU BROKE UP WITH KISSING ANOTHER GUY... WHAT'S THERE TO GET SO WORKED UP ABOUT?
Y'K KNOW...

IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH YOU, DOES IT?
DON'T YOU EVER GET CLOSE TO HER AGAIN!
HEH..
ボグッ!
BAS-TARD!
GH..

WE NEED TO DECIDE THE MARKET SELLING PRICE BEFORE LONG YOU KNOW
UH JUST A LITTLE WRITER'S BLOCK AT THE MOMENT...
IS KFC OKAY? OR MC DONALDS?
LET'S GO TO MR. DONUT'S, I WANT SOME TEA
THAT DUDE WAS TAKANASHI, RIGHT? FROM 2-F...
YEAH THAT'S RIGHT HAYASAKA HIKOMI'S EX-BOYFRIEND
FINE BY ME
YOU'VE BEEN MAKING PROPER PROGRESS ON THAT MANUSCRIPT RIGHT?
HE MUST HAVE HEARD IT ALL, THEN... WE'RE GOING TO BE IN DEEP SHIT
ESPECIALLY THE WHOLE BIT ABOUT HAYASAKA...

HEY
HEY!
YOU'RE RIGHT HE WON'T BE A MATCH FOR HISASHI
THAT GUY ISN'T GOING TO BE TOUGH IN A FIGHT
QUIT STRESSING ABOUT IT WE'VE REMOVED OURSELVES SAFELY FROM THE SCENE.
GEH
HISASHI, HUH. WOULD THAT BE REFERRING TO SAKAI-KUN?
WHAT'S THIS ABOUT A FIGHT?
NO, UH...
THAT'S...
NOTHING AT ALL, RIGHT GUYS?
Ahaa haahaa


C'MON BOYS
WHY DON'T YOU PLAY NICE AND PESS UP
GULP
MIKI

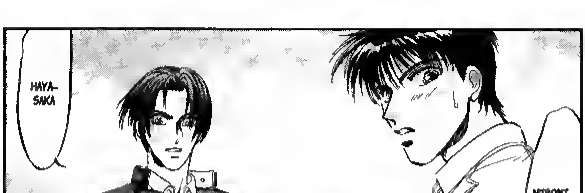
FOR GOODNESS SAKE
THOSE TWO IDIOTS...

THIS IS NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS ANYMORE, IS IT?
SHUT UP!
COME OFF IT MAN
PSHK
PSHK
YOUS..
IT IS MY BUSINESS!!
DODGE
YOU KEEP THE HELL AWAY FROM HER!!

ARE YOU SAYING YOU HAD A CHANGE OF HEART AND NEVER REALLY DUMPED HAYASAKA AFTER ALL?
SMIRK
WE BROKE UP
IT WAS MY FAULT THAT WE BROKE UP
THAT IS WHY..
IF THERE'S A GUY LIKE YOU, WHO IS ONLY TOYING WITH HER
WHO WOULD ONLY END UP HURTING HER..

YOU THINK I'LL JUST STAND THERE WATCHING QUIETLY??
COUGH
WHY DON'T YOU DO JUST THAT
I HATE TO BREAK IT TO YOU, BUT...
I'M SERIOUS ABOUT HER, SO YOU CAN REST EASY

YOU HONESTLY THINK I'M GOING TO BELIEVE THAT FROM THE GUY WHO MADE HIROMI THE TARGET OF A BET?
SHUT THE HELL UP!
BANG!
CLATTER!
CLATTER!
CLATTER!
JUMP


HAYA-
SAKA
HIROKI...

OH.
GIVE ME
A BREAK
YOU TWO!!
立入禁止

SOMEHOW, I DON'T THINK THAT YOUJI HAS ANY RIGHT TO BUTT INTO THE BUSINESS BETWEEN ME AND SAKAI...
BUT...
BUT HIROMI
DON'T ARGUE!
ALL YOU SHOULD BE THINKING ABOUT NOW IS REN-SAN, ISN'T THAT RIGHT!?

SEE.
WHAT DID I TELL YOU? IT'S MORE OF YOUR CONCERN ANYMORE
SL AP
AND ONE MORE THING: CONSIDER THE "BET" NULL AND VOID!!
THAT KIND OF KISS MEANT NOTHING AT ALL
IT WAS A SNEAK ATTACK! ANYWAY IT WAS MORE LIKE AN ACCIDENTAL MEETING OF HEADS THAN ANYTHING!!
AND YOU, TOO...
YOU HAVE NO RIGHT TO TALK ABOUT THE BUSINESS BETWEEN ME AND YOUJI IN THAT WAY

HMPF!
STOP DOING SUCH CHILDISH THINGS!
SLAM
CLATTER
OH!
OH!
DON'T LAUGH
I SWEAR... HER SLAP WAS EVEN MORE EFFECTIVE THAN THAT PUNCH OF YOURS
HIROMI... SHE REALLY GOT THAT ANGRY DIDN'T SHE
WHAT'S WITH THAT?
DIDN'T YOU TWO EVER GET INTO THESE KIND OF FIGHTS WHEN YOU WERE GOING OUT?

ARE YOU A COMPLETE MORON?
EVEN THOUGH YOU SAW NOTHING BUT HER CHARMING SIDE YOU WENT AND BROKE UP WITH HER?
...NAH, WE NEVER DID
I NEVER SAW HER ANGRY... NOR CRYING
COULD IT BE...
THAT YOU'RE BEING SERIOUS?
THAT'S WHAT I'VE BEEN SAYING, ISN'T IT?
IF YOU DON'T BELIEVE IT, THEN THAT'S YOUR PROBLEM
I'VE FALLEN FOR HER PRETTY LATE IN THE GAME, HAVEN'T I
I WAS RIGHT ABOUT THAT
SHE REALLY IS A RECKLESSLY COOL GIRL, ISN'T SHE? HAYASAKA HIROMI

LATER, I COULDN'T VERY WELL JUST PULL OUT
SO I THOUGHT SOD IT I'M JUST GOING TO DO IT NO MATTER THE OUTCOME
I NEVER EXPECTED HER TO FIND OUT
AA——AH... WELL.
Y'KNOW, ABOUT THE "BET"... THE GUYS AROUND ME THOUGHT IT'D BE FUN, SO I STARTED DOING AS I LIKED
SO...?
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?
I HAVE ABSOLU-TELY NO IDEA...

WELL YEAH, MAYBE IF YOU'RE IN A TEENAGE DRAMA SHOW FROM TWENTY YEARS AGO
NOT COOL

US TWO
WHY ARE WE EVEN GETTING ACQUAINTED?
...HEY

Hmm...
IS THIS "GETTING ACQUAINTED" ...?
SO WHAT IF WE ARE. IT'S FINE. ISN'T IT
IT'S KIND OF A MALE THING ANYWAY RIGHT BEATING EACH OTHER UP AND THEN BONDING AFTERWARDS...

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"REN"-
WAS IT?
CLICK
EH?
YOUR LOVER!
THAT'S WHAT HAYASAKA SAID RECENTLY RIGHT? THAT YOU SHOULD ONLY BE THINKING ABOUT REN-SAN NOW, OR SOMETHING
OH
NO NOT MY LOVER. IT'S A PERFECT EXAMPLE OF UNREQUITED LOVE, ACTUALLY

TAKANA-SHI...?
LIKE-QUITED HER...
SAME AS ME THEN
IS SHE A BETTER GIRL THAN HAYASAKA HIROMI THEN?
EH?
IT'S NOT A GIRL
STEP

IT'S A MAN
EEEH ?
YOU MEAN ...??
THEN...
HE'S A GROWN-UP ADULT MAN
A FRIEND OF MY SISTER'S
OLDER THAN ME...

exhale
YEAH
BUT, THAT MEAN
YOU...
..JUST STOP THERE
SCRATCH SCRATCH
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING TO AN OUTSIDER? IT'S NOT LIKE I CAN DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT

I WENT TO A PRIVATE, ALL-BOYS JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL. THAT'S WHY
SNIPE
PLAYING AT LOVE. LIKE IT'S A GAME. AND A PART OF THEM TOOK IT AS FAR AS DOING IT
...AND I WAS ONE OF THOSE WHO WELL, HAD A CONSCIOUS INTEREST IN THAT
THERE WERE SOME CUTE JUNIORS THERE
AND ALSO THOSE WHO WANTED TO "MAKE THE MOST" OF THEIR SEMPAIS' EXPERIENCE...
EH...?
I'VE DONE IT WITH A GUY BEFORE
YOU KNOW. I...

WELL...
IT WASN'T BAD BUT
I REALLY DO PREFER GIRLS, AFTER ALL
WHY...
ARE YOU TELLING ME THAT KIND OF PRIVATE STUFF?
GOOD QUESTION
I WONDER WHY
Strange
HMM...
PROBA-BLY...
BECAUSE YOU LET OUT YOUR OWN SECRET LIKE THAT
I OWED YOU ONE IN RETURN

WEIRD GUY...
SMILE
LATERS
I thought he was nothing but a flippant, sleazy and thoroughly dislikeable playboy, but —
It might just be possible that, like me, he won't do anything to make Hiromi cry —

Tell her "good for you"
And be truly glad for her? Would I be able to do that?
If that were to become the case... would I be able to smile?
This is only speculating on what might happen if Hiromi ended up falling for him, but

AAAARGHHH
COME OOON!
HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO CLEAN THIS?
YOU'RE DISTRACTING ME
DO IT LATER

Agh
so noisy!
WHEN YOU'RE FINISHED READING A BOOK IT'S BETTER TO CLEAR IT AWAY ISN'T IT?
HOW IS IT POSSIBLE TO REDUCE A ROOM INTO THIS STATE OF CHAOS IN ONLY TWO OR THREE DAYS?
DO IT LATER, HE SAYS
SO WHERE EXACTLY ARE WE GOING TO EAT DINNER THEN?
WHO IS IT?
YOUJI
WHO IS THE LANDLORD HERE?
THAT'D BE...
YOU, I GUESS
IT'S AKISHIMA REN-SAMA
AND... TAKANASHI YOUJI-KUN
WHAT MIGHT YOU BE?

CORRECT
FOOD EXPENSES ARE BEING PROPERLY PAID!
AND YOU'RE THE ONE WHO SAID YOU DIDN'T WANT ANY RENT!
A FREE-LOADER?
STOP MAKING A RACKET!
I'M NOT IN THE MOOD TO HAVE THINGS MOVED AROUND
I'D APPRECIATE IT IF YOU MADE FOOD THAT CAN BE EATEN WITH ONE HAND
AYE SIR
Dammit

HERE YOU ARE
RIGHT
THANKS
CLATTER
THAT'S OK
MAKE SURE YOU EAT IT ALL, CUZ THE TEA'S STILL HOT
OKAY
YOUJI
I'LL GO EAT IN MY ROOM
THERE'S PROBABLY NO NEED TO MAKE DINNER TOMORROW NIGHT
SINCE I DON'T KNOW HOW LATE I'LL BE COMING BACK

YOU'RE...
YOU'RE GOING TO COME BACK AGAIN, RIGHT?
THAT'S RIGHT
SO IN THE TIME THAT I'M NOT HERE FEEL FREE TO CLEAN TO YOUR HEART'S CONTENT
YOU'RE GOING OUT?
Uh
Well, yeah, of course he will
ALRIGHT
Mwah
OF COURSE I AM
SILLY

広瀬
DING-DONG
YES?
IT'S ME
IT'S REN
SWING
YOUR HAIR, YOU...
CUT IT

EVEN SO
I WAS UNEASY
SINCE I PROMISED TO
CLINK
YOU'VE... REALLY COME, HAVEN'T YOU
soft laugh
THIS MUST SURELY BE THE FIRST TIME I'VE SEEN YOU LIKE THAT
WHERE ARE KOZUE-SAN AND LITTLE SANAE-CHAN TODAY...?
THEY'VE GONE TO HER PARENT'S HOMETOWN THIS WEEKEND
I COULDN'T THINK OF ANY OTHER PLACE WHERE WE CAN TAKE OUR TIME TALKING
AND THAT IS WHY YOU ASKED ME HERE TODAY?

I'VE WANTED TO SEE YOU REN
I TRULY HAVE
I THINK
IT'S ABOUT TIME THAT I STOPPED TRYING TO RUN AWAY FROM YOU
REN
?
I AM RELEASING YOU FROM MYSELF
YOU DON'T HAVE TO PURSUE ME ANY LONGER
THE ANSWER HAS ALREADY BEEN GIVEN... IN TRUTH, IT WAS GIVEN A LONG LONG TIME AGO

I NEVER GOT LOST I NEVER MADE MISTAKES
THAT WAS SIMPLY BEING UNABLE TO ADMIT IT DENYING IT ALL
ALL THOSE TIMES...
THE FIRST ANSWER I GAVE COVERED ALL
IT WAS SO PAINFUL, SO BITTER
THAT I WAS UNABLE TO CONTINUE LIVING IN SUCH DENIAL ANY LONGER

REN
BECAUSE I UNFORTU-NATELY BELIEVED
THAT YOU HAD BETRAYED ME

DING
CHE'
THEY'RE ALL IN USE
I'LL TAKE THE STAIRS
Good exercise
SNIFF SNIFF
Smells good
EATING STUFF LIKE THIS ONCE IN A WHILE IS DELICIOUS TOO
AH —
SO HUNGRY

HUUUM.
IS THERE NO-ONE IN?
Ding dong
Ding dong
DO YOU HAVE SOME BUSINESS WITH US?
OH.
ER-HI.
IF YOU'RE HERE FOR REN, I'M AFRAID HE'S OUT AT THE MOMENT
MAY I ASK WHO YOU ARE?
What's with this old man? Looks fishy
THIS IS... AKISHIMA REN'S APARTMENT
ISN'T IT?

HMM..
YOU MUST BE TAKANASHI YOUJI-KUN, AM I RIGHT?
YUP THAT'S ME
Rumours, he says?
I've heard some mighty big rumours about you

SCRATCH
UM, LET'S SEE NOW
I'M IN THE PHOTOGRAPHY BUSINESS, AND MY NAME IS ADACHI TAKASHI

AH.
THE ONE WHO WENT TO EUROPE TOGETHER WITH REN ...

THEN.
I'M COUNTING ON YOU!

AH. SURE.
SINCE THEY GOT DEVELOPED A WAY EARLY
COULD YOU MAKE SURE REN GETS THIS?

I SEE. SO HE'S NOT IN
WELL, CAN'T BE HELPED THEN
didn't make an appointment

AH...
PHOTOS, HUH...?
CLOSE
PRECARIOUSLY BALANCED...
WAAH!
EH
ARG
OH CRAP...

HOWEVER
WHEN I WAS FACED WITH THAT LANDSCAPE'S SCENERY
I FELT LIKE I WAS FINALLY ABLE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE TRUTH OF SOMETHING
I
LOVE YOU
HIROSE TAKUYA

WHY MAKE SUCH A FACE?
MIGHT THIS HAVE BEEN SOMEWHAT "UNEXPECTED" TO HEAR?
NO...
IT'S JUST...
WELL, YEAH
I AM POSSIBLY...
QUITE ASTONISHED

FINALLY... YOU'RE RETURNING INTO MY HANDS
BACK WHERE YOU BELONG
I'VE ALWAYS LONGED TO HEAR THAT FROM YOUR MOUTH THOSE WORDS...
NO.

THERE WAS A TIME
WHEN THE WHOLE OF MY BEING BELONGED TO YOU...
REN...?
HOWEVER... THERE WILL NOT BE A SECOND TIME
IN WHICH EVEN ONE SINGLE PART OF MYSELF WILL BECOME YOURS AGAIN

THIS IS TRULY HOW IT WILL BE
YOU ARE ABLE TO UNDERSTAND THIS, AREN'T YOU?
FOR THE REST OF ETERNITY

THAT WAS ALL I HAD TO SAY
WHAT IS UNDER-STAND-ABLE ABOUT... THIS
GR
AB

JUST NOW...!
DIDN'T YOU JUST TELL ME THAT YOU LOVED ME?
YES
I DID

EVEN THOUGH I HATED YOU SO MUCH HATED YOU TO THE EXTENT WHERE THE HATRED I FELT WAS IMPOSSIBLE TO SEVER
THERE WERE EVEN TIMES WHEN I THOUGHT THE UNBOUNDED RESENTMENT MIGHT DRIVE ME INSANE—
I TRIED TO FORGIVE BUT I COULD NOT FORGIVE YOU
MY CHEST FELT LIKE IT WAS SPLITTING APART AND AN UNTOLD NUMBER OF NIGHTS PASSED WITHOUT SLEEP

I STILL LOVE YOU
EVEN THOUGH ALL THIS COULD NOT BE WIPED AWAY
THEN THERE SHOULD BE NO PROBLEM, RIGHT? WE CAN START OVER AGAIN
IT WILL BE LIKE BACK WHEN WE FIRST BEGAN
PLEASE DO NOT TALK ABOUT IMPOSSIBLE THINGS.
IT WAS YOU YOURSELF THAT LET ME GO TWO YEARS AGO
HIROSE-SAN?
GRIP
GN
I NEVER...!

BANG
YOU NEVER CEASE TO AMAZE ME
CLOSE
LOOK
YOURS AND KOZUE-SAN'S
THIS IS THE SEAL OF HUSBAND AND WIFE, IS IT NOT?

THAT IS OF NO RELATION
WHAT I DO UNDERSTAND IS
NO MATTER HOW YOU RESIST, YOU WILL CERTAINLY COME TO RETURN INTO MY ARMS
HOW FAR HAS THAT OBSTINACY BEEN SPREADING?
PUSH
IT IS YOUR STUBBORN-NESS
THAT IS IN VAIN
WHATEVER YOU DO...
WILL BE IN VAIN

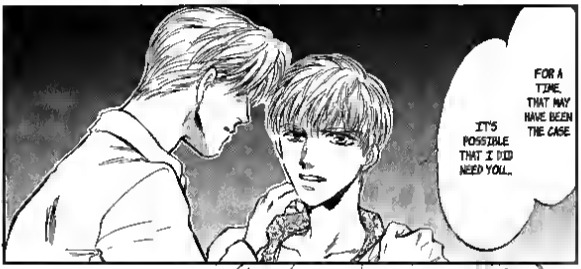
WOULD YOU LIKE TO TRY IT OUT AND SEE?
IT WON'T STOP AT "TRYING"
Twitch
NIL.
THERE'S NO WAY I'M GOING TO LET YOU PART FROM ME. NOW IS THERE?
...SEE?
YOUR BODY REMEMBERS

REN
OH, I CAN FEEL IT
REN——?
IT IS AS YOU SAY. YOU KNOW MY BODY EXTREMELY WELL.
AND IT IN TURN REMEMBERS THE PHYSICAL PLEASURE
THE COMING TOGETHER OF SKIN FEELS COMFORTABLE AND GOOD——
BUT... THAT IS ALL

THE BODY...
IS AS FAR AS IT GOES
IF IT'S THIS LEVEL OF PLEASURE
IT'S THE SAME AS SLEEPING WITH ANYBODY
WHY...
TELL ME WHY
REN!!
WHY...!

REN
LET'S STOP THIS, HIROSE-SAN
IT'S BEEN OVER FOR A LONG TIME BETWEEN US

I WANT YOU! AND AS FOR YOU, YOU STILL NEED ME!
IT ISN'T OVER!
ISN'T THAT SO, REN!?


FOR A TIME, THAT MAY HAVE BEEN THE CASE
IT'S POSSIBLE THAT I DID NEED YOU...

IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN ONLY DUE TO MY HATRED OF YOU, WHO CAME CHASING AFTER ME, THAT I WAS UNABLE TO REGAIN THE BALANCE WITHIN MYSELF
EVEN AT THE SAME TIME THAT I WAS RUNNING AWAY FROM YOU...
EVEN AT THE SAME TIME THAT I WAS RESENTING YOU...

BUT IT WASN'T YOU.
YOU MEAN ...
YOUJI-KUN?
IT'S TRUE. THAT YOUJI WAS PRETTY FRANTIC ABOUT IT
SMILE
I MUST HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR SOMEBODY TO SAVE ME THEN.....
AND I HAD PROBABLY BEEN HOPING THAT PERSON WOULD BE YOU
UNTIL FINALLY I COULD NO LONGER MOVE A SINGLE STEP
NEITHER LEFT NOR RIGHT... NEITHER FORWARDS, NOR BACKWARDS...
YOU SHOWED ME
HOW TO LOVE. AND HOW TO BE LOVED
HON ...
AND ALSO BETRAYAL, AND HATRED.
AVOWAL AND DENIAL. BOTH...

HOWEVER...
IN THE END,
IT WAS MY OWN POWER THAT ENABLED ME TO START TAKING THAT FIRST STEP AGAIN
EVEN THOUGH SOME OF THE METHODS HE USED OR DIRECTIONS HE TOOK WERE MISTAKEN, IT WASN'T COMPLETELY INEFFECTIVE
HE TRIED PUSHING ME FROM THE BACK, HE TRIED PULLING ME BY THE ARMS...
I'D BEEN SO WRAPPED UP IN REJECTING EVERYTHING AROUND ME
THAT I HAD LOST SIGHT OF EVEN SUCH A SIMPLE FACT

WHY ARE YOU ACTING BY YOURSELF LIKE THIS?
YOU CAN'T ...! SUCH A THING...
REACH
HUG
WHY ARE YOU TELLING ME SUCH A LIE?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN
I AM... ALRIGHT NOW WITHOUT YOU

BECAUSE I'VE REALISED THAT I DON'T NEED TO DENY WHO I WAS IN THE PAST, NOR THE FACT THAT I LOVED YOU.
IT ISN'T A LIE
THERE IS NO LONGER THE NEED TO HATE YOU, NOR THE NEED TO RUN FROM YOU
THE AKISHIMA REN TO WHOM YOUR EXISTENCE WAS A NECESSITY
...IS NO MORE.

FALL
YOU'RE TELLING ME YOU DON'T NEED ME...!?
ARE YOU SAYING I AM UNWANTED BY YOU!?
I STILL FEEL LOVE, EVEN NOW
FOR THOSE DAYS FILLED WITH HAPPINESS—
AND FOR THE YOU OF THOSE TIMES, WHEN I BELIEVED
THAT I WAS THE ONLY ONE YOU LOVED

I LOVE YOU!
NOT A SINGLE THING HAS CHANGED FROM THOSE TIMES!!
NO!!
...I AM... MY FEELINGS ARE...
MOST LIKELY... THE ATTACHMENT YOU STILL FEEL IS FOR THE ME OF THOSE TIMES, TOO
DO YOU UNDERSTAND?
BUT YOU AND I BOTH ENDED UP CHANGING
STAYING THE SAME AS BACK THEN
THAT'S RIGHT... OUR "THOUGHTS" ABOUT EACH OTHER UNFORTUNATELY CAME TO A HALT TWO YEARS AGO

THE HIROSE TAKUYA THAT I LOVED
IS NO LONGER ANYWHERE TO BE FOUND

I ALREADY SAID IT DIDN'T I? THAT I AM SETTING YOU FREE...
THAT IS THE PURPOSE FOR WHICH I CAME TODAY
IT'S NO GOOD UNLESS I'M THERE FOR YOU, ISN'T THAT RIGHT...?
THERE'S NOTHING THAT COULD HAVE CHANGED!
AFTER YOU PART WITH SOMEONE, THERE WON'T REALLY BE ANY MORE TIMES THAT YOU WILL WALK DOWN THE SAME PATH TOGETHER
EVEN SO, YOU AND I
WERE LOST IN THE SAME MAZE

ISN'T IT BETTER TO LEAVE IT?
THAT MAZE, IN WHICH I AM NO LONGER EVEN PRESENT
DON'T GO!!
PLEASE DON'T GO AND ABANDON ME LIKE THIS

FAREWELL
TAKUYA
THAT LINE
I WONDER IF THINGS WOULD HAVE BEEN BETTER, HAD I SAID IT BACK THEN.

If it's for the sake of facing ahead and start walking forwards once more
Finally I am standing alone without the shadow
Perhaps I'm not exaggerated things
HURT
then a little pain is nothing at all....

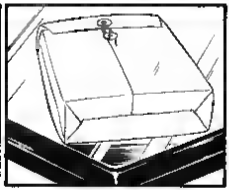
I'M HOME
POKE
WELCOME BACK
THAT WAS QUICK
I HOPE YOU'VE ALREADY EATEN A PROPER DINNER ALONG THE WAY
I DIDN'T MAKE ANYTHING, SINCE YOU TOLD ME I DIDN'T NEED TO PREPARE

SINCE I HAVEN'T REALLY BEEN ABLE TO WATCH MOVIES OUTSIDE OF MY WORK RECENTLY
SOME OLD ONES THAT I USED TO LIKE, SOME NEWER WORKS AND ONES THAT JUST LOOKED INTERESTING... ALL SORTS
WHAT THIS IS? MOVIES.
AND WHAT'S THAT?
THAT BAG YOU'RE CARRYING...
YEAH
I HAD SOME LIGHT FOOD AT CANAL

YEAH, YEAH
Whatever
DON'T LEAVE THINGS FLYING ABOUT!
I JUST CLEANED THE LIVING ROOM, OKAY?!
UP TILL YESTERDAY IT WAS BOOKS YOU LEFT STREWN AROUND ONCE YOU'D READ THEM, THIS TIME IT'S VIDEOS?

OOOH
TIDY TIDY
WHAT A METICULOUS GUY
THAT YOUSI

OPEN
The photos...
Did Adachi-san come?
HEM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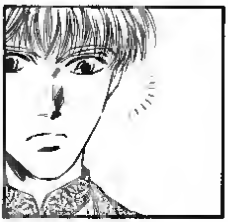
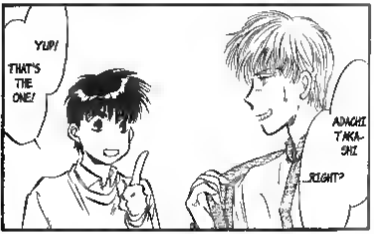


I FORGOT TO TELL YOU THAT A VISITOR CAME BY TODAY
THERE WERE SOME PHOTOS THAT GOT DEVELOPED AHEAD OF TIME, SO IT LOOKS LIKE HE CAME ALL THE WAY TO BRING THEM OVER
A REALLY DODGY-LOOKING, STUBBLE BEARDED PHOTO-GRAPHER
THE ONE THAT WENT TO EUROPE WITH YOU
ERRMM...

SINCE THIS WILL BE MADE INTO A PHOTO COLLECTION, I SAID I'D LEND A HAND
HOW CAN RON THE WRITER LEND A HAND WITH A PHOTOGRAPHY COLLECTION?


YUP! THAT'S THE ONE!
ADACHI TAKA-SHI
...RIGHT?

THIS MUST BE HIS WAY OF TELLING ME TO GET A MOVE ON AND START THE WORK, HUH?
NOTHING FOR IT THE MOVIES WILL HAVE TO WAIT
WORK?
WHAT KIND?

Now see here
DON'T BE RIDICULOUS
To take a ton of shots of you?
Even going as far as Europe together
IS THIS A COLLECTION OF PHOTOS OF REN?
DON'T TELL ME YOU WERE A MODEL?
HIS WORKS HAVE GOOD COMPATIBILITY WITH MY WRITING STYLE
THAT WAS THE ONLY PURPOSE FOR WHICH WE WENT BUT IT SEEMS LIKE ADACHI-SAN TOOK A LIKING TO THIS METHOD
THESE PHOTOS WILL HELP ME EXPRESS MYSELF AGAIN
ADACHI-SAN WAS CAPTURING SOME INSPIRATION FOR MY WORDS
THOUGH IF YOU WERE TO SEARCH FOR IT NOW YOU'D HAVE TO LOOK IN THE SCRAP BOOK SECTION
IT WAS THE FIRST TIME A BOOK WAS RELEASED UNDER THE NAME "AKISHIMA REN"
HMM
IT WAS ONLY A SHORT-TERM SERIALISATION FOR A MAGAZINE THAT ADACHI BROUGHT ALONG BUT IT WAS A FUN AND INTERESTING JOB.
THERE WAS ONE TIME BEFORE WHEN WE PUT THE TWO TOGETHER TOO

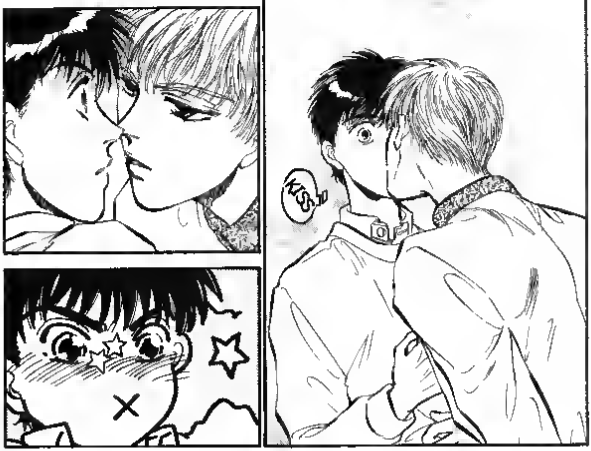
THOSE PHOTOS -
ARE YOU USING ALL OF THEM FOR YOUR WORK...?
NOT ALL OF THEM. ARACHI TAKASHI'S SPECIALITY IS LANDSCAPE PICTURES, SEE.
SO THE ONES OF ME DON'T BELONG HERE
...SAYING THAT HE TOOK A FAIR FEW DIDN'T HE
I SEE...
This one, and this one, and this one too... just when did he take these kinds of shots?
Hm
WHY? WHAT'S WRONG?
OH, NOTHING
I'M OFF TO BED THEN, KAY?
YOUJI
WH... WHAT?
BA-DUMP

HUH...?
TODAY...
I WENT TO MEET HIROSE
REN.
GRIP
WHATEVER HE MIGHT COME AND SAY, I'M NOT GOING TO GET LOST OR HURT OR ANYTHING ANY LONGER...
EVERY-THING'S... PROBABLY GOING TO BE OKAY NOW
I DON'T KNOW IF I CONVINCED HIM, BUT I'M NOT GOING TO RUN ANYMORE.
I WENT TO MAKE A CLEAN BREAK

Then it must really be okay
If Ren says it's going to be okay now
SQUEEZE
THANK GOD...
DUMP
PUSH
JUST BECAUSE I'VE ENDED IT WITH HIROSE
DOESN'T MEAN I HAVE ANY INTENTION OF ACCEPTING YOU INSTEAD
DON'T GET CLINGY
I KNOW THAT ALREADY
THAT...

CAN YOU... KISS ME?
IT'S BECAUSE YOU WERE WORRIED
THAT'S THE ONLY REASON I THOUGHT I SHOULD TELL YOU
WHY
Have you already forgotten that I said I liked you?
"WHY" YOU ASK...
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO SAID IT

I LIKE YOU. I LIKE YOU SO MUCH
RIGHT NOW, I WANT TO TOUCH. I WANT TO KISS...
THAT IN LIKING YOU, I SHOULD DO AS I PLEASED...
THAT WHEN I WANTED TO TOUCH YOU, I SHOULD GO AHEAD AND TOUCH


KISS

GOOD NIGHT

I KNEW THAT BUT STILL...
I GET THE FEELING THAT HE ABSOLUTELY WON'T LET ME BE HIS PARTNER...
THAT WAS A "GOOD-NIGHT KISS"
I HAPPEN NOT TO BE A BABY
HEHE...

IT LOOKS LIKE HE DOESN'T REMEMBER WHAT KINDS OF PHOTOS WERE TAKEN, ANYWAY...
HE WON'T DISCOVER THAT ONE'S GONE MISSING
IF IT'S NOT BEING USED FOR HIS WORK
The truth is that I do feel a tiny bit guilty
I wonder why...
But, more than that
It's like the feeling around my chest instantly becomes so warm...

Happiness and frustration
alternating continuously
Is this how it is to love somebody?
WHAT CAN I DO...
I LIKE HIM SO MUCH..
EXCEPT THAT...
HE'S NOT LETTING ME BE HIS PARTNER
SLOUCH
Sigh
This is really an amazing thing, isn't it
Right now, all he's doing is existing near me. And still my feelings have already become like this

It feels like it could be the first time that I am in love

SAKAI...
MAN, I'M ALWAYS RUNNING INTO YOU, AREN'T I
Here you go
A~~H!
YOU AGAIN
HMM...
AH!

"HOTTIE"
YOU EVEN USE THAT TERM ON MEN?
QUITE THE HOTTIE. ISN'T HE
MIGHT THIS BE "REN-SAN"?
THAT'S RIGHT NOW GIVE IT BACK!
GRAB
WHICH ONE IS IT?
YOU KNOW. LIKE A AND B AND C. YOU MUST'VE DECIDED ON ONE. RIGHT?
WHI
BA
IS WHAT GOOD?
SO? IS IT GOOD?
I DON'T NOT USUALLY...

YOU'VE GONE RED RIGHT DOWN TO YOUR EARLOBES
SNICKER
NEITHER ONE NOR THE OTHERS! DIDN'T I TELL YOU IT'S UNREQUITED!
HE ABSOLUTELY WON'T BE MY PARTNER, OKAY?!
YUSH
HEY
CAN I ASK YOU SOMETHING?
WHAT IS IT
WELL... THAT IS...
WHEN IT'S BETWEEN TWO MEN...
HOW DOES IT ACTUALLY WORK...?

PFFFFFT

EH..?

DON'T LAUGH!
IT'S.. IT'S A SERIOUS QUESTION, ALRIGHT..

SORRY..
I CAN TELL YOU, BUT MAYBE THIS ISN'T THE BEST PLACE...
IF YOU REALLY WANT TO HEAR, FOLLOW ME
HUH? RIGHT NOW?
WHAT ABOUT THE LESSONS?

THAT GUY MAKES A BIG RACKET ABOUT PEOPLE WHO COME IN LATE FOR HIS LESSON
F-GROUP'S CHEMISTRY CLASS. THAT'S WITH OHASHI, RIGHT?
THOSE ALREADY STARTED LONG AGO

THIS I THE FIRST TIME FOR ME TO SKIP LESSONS WHEN I'M ACTUALLY IN SCHOOL...
YOU'RE SO SERIOUS-MINDED!
JUST THINK OF IT THIS WAY: MISTAKES ARE BOUND TO HAPPEN EVEN WITH CALCULATING ATTENDANCE DAYS SO IT'S ALL OK.
SO?
ABOUT ABC AND STUFF?
DO YOU SERIOUSLY NOT KNOW?

IF IT'S BETWEEN MEN AND WOMEN YOU KNOW ABOUT IT?
DO YOU HAVE EXPERIENCE WITH THAT THEN?
I KNOW ABOUT SE... SEX BETWEEN MEN AND WOMEN
† NO ULTERIOR MOTIVE WHATSOEVER
BUT WHEN IT COMES TO MEN...
WELL... THAT IS...
HE- HEH!!
A VIRGIN, HUH
I KNEW IT...
OH, SO SORRY
WELL— WHEN IT COMES TO STUFF LIKE A AND B IT'S THE SAME BETWEEN MEN
JUST THE EQUIPMENT'S DIFFERENT
THE GUY'S GOT THE SAME THING AS YOU, SO IT'S GOING TO BE EASIER TO UNDERSTAND THAN HAVING A FEMALE PARTNER, RIGHT? ABOUT WHERE FEELS GOOD AND STUFF...

SINCE YOU'RE A VIRGIN, THINK OF IT AS JERKING OFF
IT'S THE SAME THING BUT YOU'RE DOING IT FOR EACH OTHER
THEN THE PROBLEM'S G. RIGHT
GUYS ARE DIFFERENT FROM GIRLS: THEIR BODIES AREN'T BUILT FOR LETTING SOMETHING ENTER
SO WHAT YOU DO...
IS BASICALLY THIS
whisper whisper
whisper whisper
UH
Blu—sh

YOU'RE AN INTERESTING GUY AREN'T YOU
I VAGUELY IMAGINED SOMETHING LIKE THAT BUT... I DIDN'T KNOW THAT WOULD REALLY BE THE CASE
FOR REAL...?
Woo---zy
sigh
FOR REAL.
...THOUGH I DON'T KNOW WHY MYSELF
...AND ...HAVE TO BE...
...ING BECAUSE...
AFTER THAT—
THAT'S WHY YOU'LL THE...
LIKE...
OR...
SO THEN...
...AND
...RIGHT?
SO WHAT IF THAT REN OF YOURS EVER FELT LIKE RESPONDING TO YOU
WHICH WOULD YOU RATHER BE?
I DIDN'T REALLY WANT TO KNOW IT IN THAT KIND OF DETAIL...
THAT'S ... MORE THAN ENOUGH ...

THE ONE WHO ENTERS?
OR THE ONE WHO IS ENTERED?
WHICH ONE? HUH?
WHAT ABOUT YOU THEN, WHICH WE'RE YOU!?
I'VE NEVER THOUGHT ABOUT THAT SORT OF THING BEFORE!
HOW... HOW SHOULD I KNOW?!
ONLY UP TO B
I DID IT WITH A GUY, BUT
YOU SAID YOU'VE DONE IT WITH A GUY BEFORE. DIDN'T YOU!?
ME...?
WHY'RE YOU ASKING ME?
It's the truth
WHAT IS?
THAT'S PLAYING DIRTY...

AND YET YOU SEEM PRETTY DAMN FAMILIAR ON THIS SUBJECT. DON'T YOU
MY COUSIN WHO'S IN JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL LIKES HOMO STUFF
SHE HAS A LOAD OF MAGAZINES AND STUFF THAT SHE LET ME READ SO...
Story origin
Are you someone who believes everything he hears?
TO PUT IT IN A NUTSHELL
SORRY BUT I'M JUST TALK. I CAN'T PROVIDE ANY ACTUAL CONSULTATION
SINCE I'M NOT GAY
AND IT'S NOT JUST MY BRAIN BEING IN DENIAL OR ANYTHING
WHEN FALLING IN LOVE WITH OTHER MEN... I CAN HONESTLY SAY THAT I DON'T UNDERSTAND THAT STUFF

I DID...
LIKE HIM
DIDN'T YOU LIKE HIM?
YOUR PARTNER IN JUNIOR HIGH...
IT'S NOT VERY COOL TO SAY "BEST FRIENDS" THESE DAYS, BUT THAT'S WHAT WE WERE
EVEN WHEN WE WERE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS
YEAH... I LIKED HIM A LOT
THAT'S RIGHT

IT WAS MORE FUN TO BE WITH HIM THAN WITH ANYONE ELSE
HE WAS PRECIOUS TO ME
BUT...
I WASN'T IN LOVE WITH HIM
THEN WHY DID YOU SLEEP WITH HIM?
YOU...
YOU REALLY DON'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH ASKING PEOPLE DIFFICULT AND AWKWARD QUESTIONS DO YOU
EH...
I'M SORRY IS THAT A NO-GO?
NAH, I DON'T MIND

AT THE BEGINNING IT WAS JUST FOR COMFORT
THE FIRST GIRL I'D EVER SERIOUSLY LIKED HAD JUST TOSSED ME ASIDE...
AND I WAS BAWLING MY EYES OUT
THOUGH THERE WAS NO REAL DESIRE OR SUCH, LETTING OUR SKIN TOUCH WITH SUCH GENTLE WARMTH FELT GOOD AND SAFE
TO MAKE THE GOOD FEELING BECOME BETTER ALL WE DID WAS CONTINUE IN THAT WAY TOUCHING AND RUBBING EACH OTHER
THE REAL SITUATION WAS
IT WAS BECAUSE OF ME THAT WE NEVER HAD SEX

SO... I REJECTED THE OFFER OF BEING SHUTTLED UP AUTOMATICALLY TO OUR SCHOOL'S HIGH SCHOOL IN ORDER TO ESCAPE FROM HIM BY LEAVING FIRST
AND I FOUND OUT ABOUT IT
BUT THAT GUY HE WAS SERIOUS FOR ME. HE REALLY FELT...
YEAH.. I DID A CRUEL THING
HOW CRUEL...
BUT —— HIM TOO FOR BECOMING SERIOUS
EVEN THOUGH I PRETENDED I HAVN'T NOTICED WE COULD NEVER HAVE RETURNED TO BEING FRIENDS

HUH?
RUMOURS?
OH YEAH
WHAT'S THAT LOOK FOR?
NOTHING...
IT'S JUST THAT I THOUGHT YOU WERE A GREAT DEAL MORE INSINCERE...
AND CAREFREE THAN THIS
YOU KNOW, WHAT WITH THE RUMOURS ABOUT YOU BEING A PLAYBOY AND STUFF
LIKE, I CHANGE GIRLFRIENDS ONCE A MONTH
OR, I DUMP GIRLS RIGHT AFTER I'VE HAD MY WAY WITH THEM?
Eh? Like that?
I didn't hear anyone talk that fast! Yamma
LIKE I'M THE KIND OF GUY THAT GETS HIS KICKS OFF WATCHING GIRL-ON-GIRL ACTION
AND AFTER SLEEPING WITH A HUNDRED PEOPLE, ROUNDS IT OFF WITH A THREESOME JUST FOR KICKS, RIGHT?
IT'S TRUE THAT THE NUMBER OF GIRLS I'VE DATED IS HIGH
AND THAT NONE OF THEM REALLY LASTED LONG
IT'S JUST THAT
I'M SEARCHING FOR THAT ONE PERSON

THAT ONE PERSON...?
THAT SOMEBODY THAT I CAN HONESTLY FALL IN LOVE WITH...
THAT SOMEBODY THAT WILL HONESTLY FALL IN LOVE WITH ME
IF IT'S NOT FOR REAL, I DON'T WANT IT
AND THAT... IS HIROMI?
WHO KNOWS...
I HAVE NO IDEA HOW IT'S GOING TO GO BETWEEN US FROM NOW ON
BUT THERE IS THAT FEELING OF "I'VE FINALLY FOUND HER"

DE...
DESIRE
!?
WHY DO YOU KNOW THAT... HOW CAN YOU TELL?
SEARCHING FOR ONLY ONE. HOW DO YOU KNOW...
YOU JUST KNOW
BECAUSE OF THE DESIRE YOU FEEL
WHETHER IT'S REAL WHETHER IT'S NOT REAL
AND ALL OF THOSE THINGS...
THAT—
—THAT MEANS WHEN ALL'S SAID AND DONE IT'S JUST THEIR BO...BODIES THAT YOU'RE AFTER!!
WRONG STUPID
You're stuttering, you know

I DIDN'T SAY LUST
I SAID DESIRE!!
THE WORDS HE USED TO SHOW THAT THE THINGS WERE LOST
IF YOU WERE ONLY INTERESTED IN SEX THEN ANYBODY WOULD DO RIGHT?
BUT THAT'S NOT HOW IT IS
IT'S NOT THE BODY IT'S THE FEELINGS THAT MATTER
UP TILL NOW, I'VE JUST BEEN GOING WITH THE FLOW OF SITUATIONS
IMPULSIVELY GOING AFTER BODIES THAT I WANTED THAT'S KIND OF THE WAY THAT I'VE BEEN GOING ABOUT SEX.

BUT HIROMI'S DIFFERENT
THAT IS TO SAY I KEEP THINKING ABOUT HOW I LIKE HER, AND HOW I WANT HER, BUT IT'S NOT ABOUT HER BODY
IT'S HER FEELINGS THAT I DESIRE
D'YOU GET IT?
CALLING IT DESIRE IS STILL A BIT... I DON'T REALLY ..
You're sure you're not pulling my leg with all this?
YOU ARE ONE HELL OF A LATE BLOOMER, YOU KNOW THAT?
Or are... you just a plain idiot?
DON'T YOU FEEL THOSE THINGS FOR "REN-SAN"?
EH!?
WANTING TO SEE HIM NAKED WANTING TO TOUCH HIM...
...AREN'T THEY ALL IN YOUR THOUGHTS?
WANTING TO HOLD HIM. WANTING TO KISS HIM...

IT'S NOT JUST RAGE INSTINCT OR SIMPLY THE URGE FOR PHYSICAL PLEASURE.
THE FEELINGS THAT I'M TALKING ABOUT
ARE ABOUT HOLDING SOMEONE PRECIOUS
HAVING A PARTNER WHO'D RETURN THOSE SAME FEELINGS, WOULDN'T THAT BE THE GREATEST?
WHY THE HELL IS IT THAT WHEN I'M WITH YOU I END UP SPILLING THINGS THAT I NEVER WANTED OUT IN THE OPEN...
EH?
Anyway, this is depressing
SAG
WHAT AM I EVEN EXPLAINING THIS FOR...

EH!?
AH...
ONE KISS!
TURN
BY THE WAY... YOU!
HOW FAR DID YOU GET WITH HIROMI!?
Sniff
HU—M
AH...
WHA...
I'm such a moron!!!
!
WHA—
WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING!?
!!!

FELL FOR IT!
SINCE IT WAS MEANT AS HARASSMENT
THANK GOODNESS FOR THAT
OF COURSE NOT!!!
DIDN'T LIKE IT?
HURRY UP AND FIND HAPPINESS WITH REN-SAN ALREADY
WELL... FOR THE SAKE OF HIROMI AND I

GIVE IT YOUR BEST AND FIND YOUR DESIRE

GIVE IT YOUR BEST
...SO HE SAYS...
DI--NG
DO--NG...

LET'S SEE... NEED TO GET A NEW HAIRBRUSH
AND SOME MORE TOOTHPASTE AS WELL. THAT'S BEEN RUNNING OUT
HUSBAND: HOUSE WORK!!
SLIDE
CAN YOU THINK OF ANYTHING ELSE THAT...

I'M SORRY!
A-AAARGH
WHAT? I DON'T CARE.
I'M ALMOST DONE, ANYWAY
BA-DUMP
IS THAT THE SHOPPING LIST?
WE'RE OUT OF SHAMPOO
OH...
OKAY

TOUGH...
ANY BRAND'S FINE...
AND WHILE YOU'RE GOING CAN YOU BRING ME BACK SOME SHAVING CREAM AS WELL?
JERK
YOUJI...?
?
I'LL GO DO THE SHOPPING!
IT'S NOTHING!

Too much of a leap
I just don't know
"So what you do is..."
Things like wanting to touch him... and wanting to hold him close...
I see now
"...the... with... ...and ...ing"
But
It looks like I do feel desire for Ren
Things like that are
Really just...

Huh
Ren...?
What is it that I want to do?
WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO, YOU!?

DO YOU WANT TO HOLD ME?
DO YOU WANT TO BE HELD BY ME?
Huh...?
HUH!?
But...
Ken-
...TIE... SHALL WE?
It's just...

LET'S.....
BY.....
BECAUSE
IT'S.....
Ren...
But
Ren
LET'S
YOUJI

Boys have it tough.

WATER...
NEED WATER...
ふぅ...
STUMBLE
WAAH!
OW
STEP
WAARGH!
THE NEIGHBOURING WORKROOM
What a racket
WHAT THE HELL IS HE DOING THAT YOU?!
IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT...

ZO~NE
PI~NG...
PI~NG
PO~NG
Smile

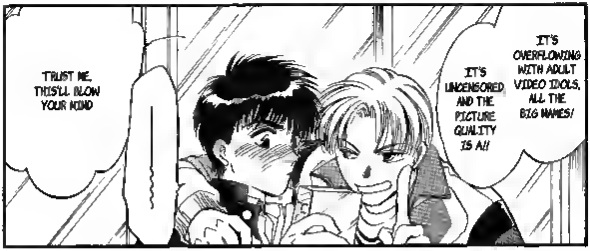
TAKAHASHI
JUST HOW MANY FACES ARE YOU GOING TO PULL BY YOURSELF?
SMIRK
Sigh
BROOD
I'M...
PULLING FACES...!?

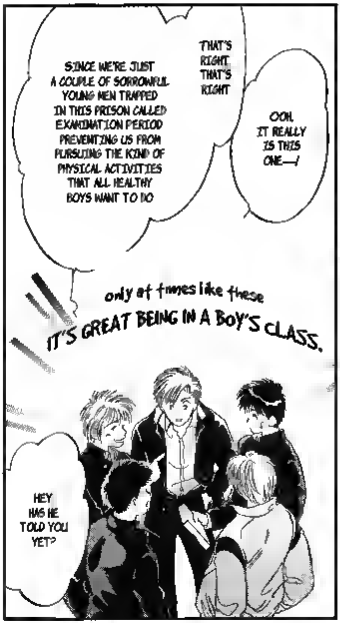
PUBERTY? OR SOMETHING...
I'M BREATHING IN THE SPRING-TIME OF LIFE, I GUESS?
Since then, always—
Whatever I may be doing I can't get Ren out of my head
WAS I BEING THAT WEIRD?
REALLY?
WELL, THE LAST 3 MINUTES HAVE SEEN THE WHOLE RANGE OF JOY-ANGER-SORROW-PLEASURE
AND COMPLETELY AT RANDOM TO BOOT
NOT THAT ANYONE'D EVER GET TIRED OF WATCHING YOU, BUT
IS THERE SOMETHING ON YOUR MIND THAT'S TROUBLING YOU?
SOMETHING TROUBLING ME—— WELL...
I GUESS YOU COULD SAY THAT

I'm always watching him
And every night I have dangerous dreams ....
My eyes follow his every movement

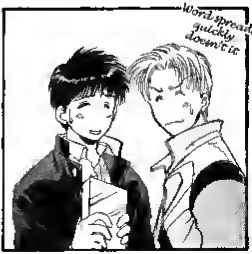
OH-HOH?
A CAN'T-SEE-THROUGH-THE-MIST, ITCH-YOU-CAN'T-SCRATCH, HEAD-IS-SPINNING SORT OF A FEELING
IT'S KIND OF
I can't really say any of that...
Especially yesterday night...
THIS IS SOMETHING I BORROWED FROM KANEYA AS A SPECIAL FAVOUR I'LL LET YOU WATCH IT BEFORE ME.
True male friendship
RIGHT I GOTCHA
WELL THEN, TAKANASHI, LOOKS LIKE THERE'S BEEN SOME STUFF BUILDING UP WITH YOU
GEH
ヒロスの部屋
WH...
WHAT'S BEEN BUILDING UP?
Playing innocent
AND WHAT IS THIS...

*THE ROOM OF BROS ("E-CUP")


TRUST ME. THIS'LL BLOW YOUR MIND
IT'S UNCENSORED AND THE PICTURE QUALITY IS A!!
IT'S OVERFLOWING WITH ADULT VIDEO IDOLS, ALL THE BIG NAMES!


SINCE WE'RE JUST A COUPLE OF SORROWFUL YOUNG MEN TRAPPED IN THIS PRISON CALLED EXAMINATION PERIOD PREVENTING US FROM PURSUING THE KIND OF PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES THAT ALL HEALTHY BOYS WANT TO DO
THAT'S RIGHT. THAT'S RIGHT
OOH. IT REALLY IS THIS ONE—!
only at times like these
IT'S GREAT BEING IN A BOY'S CLASS.
HEY. HAS HE TOLD YOU YET?

CAN I BE THE NEXT TO BORROW IT?
THAT'S A SWEET VIDEO YOU HAVE THERE
OOH


word spreads quickly around ic

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SHE'S CALLED SAKURAGA OKA AND SHE'S SOO~~~OOO CUTE ♡
WE'RE ONLY AT THE STAGE WHERE SHE FINALLY AGREED TO GO OUT ON A DATE WITH ME, SO I GUESS EVERYTHING'LL BE FROM HERE ONWARDS...
WHAAAAAAT?
FULL DETAILS! NOW!
No no, Yoshie, I can't really call her my girlfriend yet ♡
THIS GUY SNEAKILY WENT AND GOT HIMSELF A GIRLFRIEND DON'TCHA KNOW
FROM PREP SCHOOL
IS SHE FROM ONE OF THOSE HIGH-CLASS PRIVATE SCHOOLS?
WHERE DO YOU KNOW HER FROM?
YOU'RE LOOKING SO SMUG.. THAT WON'T BE EASY TO FORGIVE
WELL YEAH, I'VE BEEN GOING TO PREP SCHOOL FOR A WHILE
SINCE I'M AIMING FOR T-UNIVERSITY'S ENGINEERING COURSE.
WHOA, ARE YOU FOR REAL~~~~!?
PREP SCHOOL~~~~~~~~> YOU'RE GOING THERE~~~~~~~~>

WHERE THERE'S A WILL, THERE'S A WAY!!
YOU GUYS ARE SO SOFT!
"PREP SCHOOL" AND "GIRLFRIEND" ARE TWO WORDS THAT DON'T MIX EASILY
IN THAT CASE, ISN'T IT ALL THE MORE OF A PROBLEM?
DOUBTFUL
Ok. Ok.
OF HAVING A SERIOUSLY GOOD ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT!
T-UNIVERSITY HAS A REPUTATION
IT IS FOR THAT SAKE THAT I HAVE SET MYSELF THIS GOAL. THE FIRST STEP WILL BE SHARING A KISS WITH HER!
BECOME A HIGH-CLASS EARNER, AND BUILD A HAPPY HOME TOGETHER WITH MY GIRL!!!
I'LL GIVE IT MY ALL, STUDY HARD AND AIM FOR A TOP-RANKING UNIVERSITY
WHAT KIND OF GOAL IS THAT ANYWAY...
YES YES, HOW NICE
WHAT JOYFUL LIFE PLANNING
BEFORE THAT WE SHOULD START BY SHYLY HOLDING HANDS, DON'T YOU THINK...
BUT NO, THAT'S TOO RASH, TOO SUDDEN FOR A FIRST DATE
Let's go.

BUT STILL... MUST BE NICE
BROOD
I SHOULD JUST SUMMON MY COURAGE AND CONFESS MY FEELINGS TOO SHOULDN'T I...
TAIJIMA... YOU HAVE SOMEONE THAT YOU LIKE?
LOOKS LIKE THE TOPIC OF DISCUSSION SHIFTED SOMEWHAT HALF-WAY THROUGH
I GET THE FEELING WE MIGHT AS WELL HAVE DISAPPEARED
AHAHA...
HUH
OH...WELL, YEAH. AT MY PART TIME JOB, THERE'S SOMEONE TWO YEARS OLDER THAN ME AND A UNIVERSITY STUDENT..
HA HA HA
TO TELL THE TRUTH, WHEN I WROTE DOWN W-UNIVERSITY ON THAT COURSE SURVEY SHEET IT WAS BECAUSE THAT PERSON GOES THERE
THE PLACE I REALLY WANTED TO GO TO WAS ORIGINALLY R-UNIVERSITY
THEY'VE GOT A REALLY STRONG BASKETBALL TEAM THERE, YOU KNOW.

BASKETBALL, IS IT...
WELL, YOU CAN'T MAKE A LIVING JUST FROM BASKETBALL, BUT I DID THINK THAT I'D LIKE TO MAKE MORE OF A SERIOUS EFFORT WITH PLAYING IT
I MEAN, I'LL BE RETIRING FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL'S BASKETBALL IN LESS THAN HALF A YEAR, RIGHT?
GIVE IT YOUR ALL, TAJIMA
WHATEVER YOU CHOOSE
WHICHEVER IT ENDS UP BEING I'LL MAKE IT WORK!!
YEAH!
YOU CAN RETURN THAT VIDEO TO ME ANYTIME THIS WEEK
ANYWAY I'M OFF TO CLUB PRACTICE

Every one has someone they like
Cough
GIVE IT MY ALL? WITH WHAT, EXACTLY?
Mizu
YOU GIVE IT YOUR ALL, TOO!
Swing, Swing
Being in love, being troubled, and confused
And happy like an idiot

KYAA!
But
It's not just me
Everyone's like this

I'M SORRY!
COULD YOU CATCH THO—
I'LL COME AND GET THEM RIGHT NOW
WAIT THERE
GRIP
HIROMI
YOUJI...?

SORRY AYA-CHAN I'M GOING ON HOME, OKAY?
FINE BY ME. BUT ARE YOU GOING TO BE OKAY?
YEAH
YOUJI...

OH, YEAH. I THINK I CAUGHT ALL OF THEM
THANK YOU
ARE THOSE...
IS THIS... A MANGA?
WELL, NO
SINCE I DIDN'T TELL YOU ABOUT IT
I DIDN'T ... KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THIS
THAT'S RIGHT I'M DRAWING A MANGA
SINCE MY HOBBY HAS ALWAYS BEEN DRAWING DOUJINSHI
AND THIS IS IT
I WAS THINKING THAT IF I WANT TO AIM FOR BECOMING A PROFESSIONAL, I'M GOING TO NEED TO PRODUCE A REAL CONTRIBUTORY WORK

I CAN'T BELIEVE IT'S ONLY ONE MORE MONTH UNTIL WE HAVE TO SAY GOODBYE TO THIS PLACE
JUST ONE MORE MONTH...
HEY...
WANT TO WALK BACK TOGETHER? YOU CAN WALK ME HALF-WAY
YEAH...
KAY?
I DON'T THINK I'D BE ABLE TO
THAT I CAN STILL TALK TO YOU LIKE THIS
IT'S KIND OF STRANGE

DON'T LOOK LIKE THAT
HIROKI...
I CAN'T SAY SUCH PRETTY WORDS AS "LET'S STAY FRIENDS NO MATTER WHAT"
BUT "I'LL NEVER FORGIVE YOU" AND "I'LL BEAR RESENTMENT TOWARD YOU ALL MY LIFE" ARE VERY UGLY THOUGHTS TO HAVE.
I'VE BEEN WORKING THROUGH THEM TO FIND SOME CLOSURE. SO THAT I DON'T HAVE TO SHOW THAT SIDE OF ME ANYMORE.
THAT IS WHY I WANTED TO TALK TO YOU!!
IF IT'S A BOTHER TO YOU JUST TELL ME NOW AND WE CAN PART HERE, BUT—
SHAKE SHAKE

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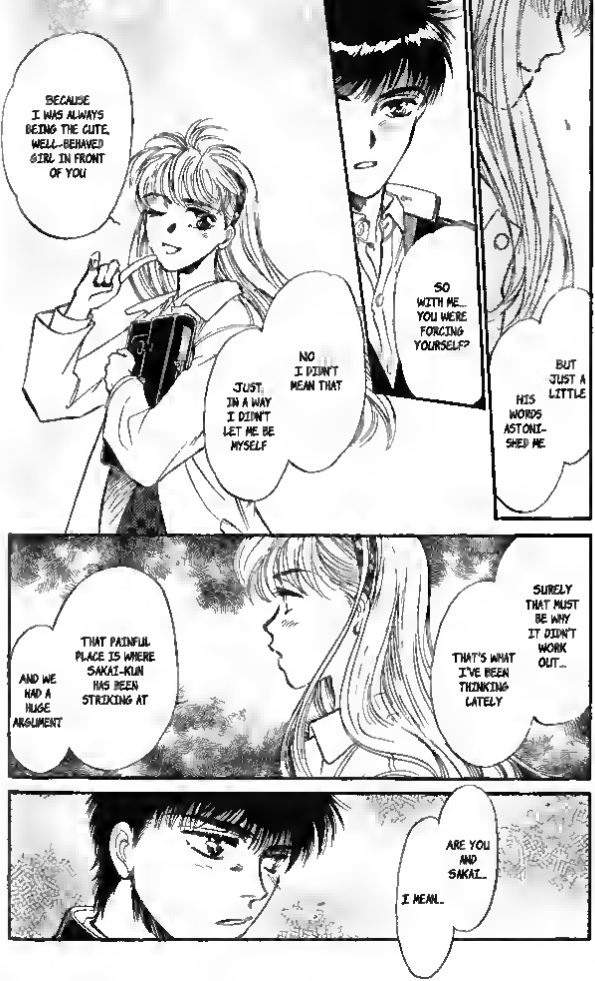
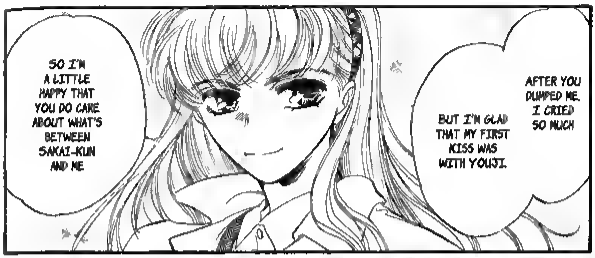
I WANTED TO GIVE YOU THIS
IF YOU HAVE TIME. PLEASE GIVE IT A READ
IT'S SOMETHING I DREW THAT'S BEEN PUBLISHED
ORIGINAL
OH
THAT'S RIGHT
TURN
SURE...
I LIKE DRAWING THOSE STORIES, SINCE I'VE ALWAYS BEEN INTERESTED IN THAT KIND OF THING
THAT'S WHAT I'VE BEEN HIDING FROM YOU FOREVER
IT WAS LIKE YOU'D STOP LIKING ME IF YOU EVER FOUND OUT
THE...
THIS IS...
THAT'S RIGHT. IT'S HOMO-SEXUAL
IT'S A LOVE STORY BETWEEN TWO MEN

WHEN I TOLD SAKAI-KUN HE JUST LAUGHED
YOU TOLD... SAKAI...?
I TOLD HIM THAT HE DOESN'T EVEN KNOW ME...
WELL, HE'S BEEN REALLY PERSISTENT
AND THEN I ASKED IF HE COULD REALLY SAY HE LIKED THIS KIND OF GIRL. AND I SHOWED HIM ONE OF MY WORKS
One with a lot more sexuality, too...
THEN, THE NEXT DAY
HE COMES AND SAYS THAT IT HAD BEEN AN INTERESTING READ, AND ASKED IF I HAD THE CONTINUATION!
IT LOOKS LIKE MY FIRST IMPRESSION OF HIM IS GOING TO NEED SOME REVIEWING. IN FACE OF THE WAY HE'S ACTING ABOUT THIS NOW
DESPITE OUTSIDE APPEARANCES, THAT GUY'S A BIT OF A MANGA NERD
HE TOLD ME THAT IF IT'S JUST AN EMBARRASSING HOBBY THAT WOULD CAUSE BOYFRIENDS TO BREAK UP WITH ME, I SHOULD HURRY UP AND DROP IT
BUT IF I WAS SERIOUS ABOUT [illegible] ON, AND DIDN'T WANT TO QUIT IT THEN EVEN IF IT TOOK SOME TIME I SHOULD MAKE AN EFFORT TO MAKE THEM UNDERSTAND...
AND AFTER MAKING SUCH A SOUND ARGUMENT HE WENT AHEAD AND LAUGHED


BECAUSE I WAS ALWAYS BEING THE CUTE, WELL-BEHAVED GIRL IN FRONT OF YOU
NO I DIDN'T MEAN THAT
JUST, IN A WAY I DIDN'T LET ME BE MYSELF
SO WITH ME... YOU WERE FORCING YOURSELF?
BUT JUST A LITTLE HIS WORDS ASTONISHED ME
AND WE HAD A HUGE ARGUMENT
THAT PAINFUL PLACE IS WHERE SAKAI-KUN HAS BEEN STRIKING AT
THAT'S WHAT I'VE BEEN THINKING LATELY
SURELY THAT MUST BE WHY IT DIDN'T WORK OUT...
ARE YOU AND SAKAI... I MEAN...

GIGGL
I GUESS I LIKE HIM QUITE A LOT...
DO YOU CARE?
THAT'S...
IT'S JUST...
BUT I DON'T HAVE ANY PARTI-CULAR ROMANTIC FEELINGS FOR HIM
NO MATTER HOW OFTEN I TELL HIM OFF HE NEVER SEEMS TO LEARN HIS LESSON, AND HE'S ALWAYS SAYING THINGS THAT ANNOY ME NO END
ON ONE HAND THINGS MIGHT SOMEDAY DEVELOP BETWEEN US, BUT ON THE OTHER HAND THAT MIGHT NEVER HAPPEN
AT LEAST FOR NOW I HAVE A GREAT FIGHTING-FRIEND
THOUGH THAT'S KIND OF BAD
I can kind of sympathise with that a bit
BA-DUMP
YOU KNOW I
DON'T REGRET HAVING BEEN WITH YOU


SO I'M A LITTLE HAPPY THAT YOU DO CARE ABOUT WHAT'S BETWEEN SAKAI-KUN AND ME
BUT I'M GLAD THAT MY FIRST KISS WAS WITH YOUJI.
AFTER YOU DUMPED ME. I CRIED SO MUCH

I wonder if all girls are like that
Insightful, strong, and so cute

A MANGA...
ORIGINAL

WELL, SEE YOU
I'M GOING TO DO SOME SHOPPING!
She's moving on, isn't she

About love and about everything else

I don't really know what things I want to do, or how I want to do them

Compared with things like university entrance exams

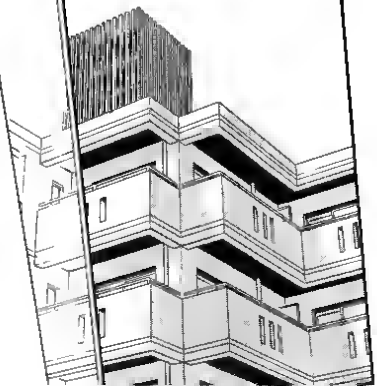
Or the future...

What is it that I want to do?

Somehow, I'm the only one...

Up till now, that seemed like a much more distant ambition

Somehow



Someone's come round...?
Knock knock
Knock
HUH?
I'M BACK
CLANK

I'M GOING TO BE LATE. SO NO NEED FOR DINNER
NAH, IT'S FINE. WE'RE JUST ON OUR WAY OUT
AH... UH, SHOULD I PUT ON SOME TEA?
WELCOME BACK
SAY... REN
GLANCE
SO AM I TO TAKE IT THAT YOUR CHANGE IN EXPRESSION LATELY IS BECAUSE OF THAT KID?
EH?

YOU WERE LOOKING AT THAT KID
WITH THE EYES OF SOMEONE REGARDING SOMETHING PRECIOUS...
KEEP YOUR EYES ON THE ROAD PLEASE. IT'S DANGEROUS
Sigh
LOOKS LIKE HE COULDN'T EVEN GET A TINY BIT OF CLEANING DONE ON THE WAY TO WORK
Like he ever would!
Sigh
SO REN'S GONE OUT...
WRIGGLE
Unfortunately the TV's in the living room but oh well
I mean, it's right here
SHOULD I WATCH IT?
Ren's out so it's not like he'll see. yeah

That guy
That photographer
It's not like I have no interest, or that I don't want to watch it or anything —really.
Sighing Quiet
ACTU-ALLY...
I DON'T FEEL MUCH LIKE IT

It felt like the atmosphere between them was one I couldn't intrude
Earlier
The guy that Ren's known for a long time
And with whom he went to Europe together
What sort of relationship does he have with Ren —?
Mm.

ARE YOU ALRIGHT ?
SEEMED LIKE YOU WENT A BIT OVERBOARD WITH DRINKING
I'M ALRIGHT
YOU SHOULD TAKE CARE DRIVING HOME TOO, AIKAWA-SAN
Because you're looking very after yourself
SO NOW...
IT'S JEALOUSY... HUH
GRAB
ME? I DIDN'T HAVE ANYTHING EXCEPT THAT FIRST ONE
After that it was Oolong tea

BE CAREFUL NOT TO GET ATTACKED BY YOUJI-KUN TONIGHT
THAT WON'T HAPPEN
GOOD NIGHT
DRINK
THERE, YOU SEE.
Just standing there all defenceless looking down with no reaction
Do you realise you've just been kissed?
IT'S JUST THAT YOU NEVER SHOW WHAT YOU'RE THINKING SO YOU'RE SOMEWHAT DIFFICULT TO UNDER-STAND
EVEN AFTER THAT CONSIDE-RABLE AMOUNT OF DRINK
Z
Z
YOUJI?
CLOSE
I'M HOME

brush
MM...
REN
UH...NN
REN...
REN
REN
YOUJI?

ぱちっ
REN..?
RE
RE
RE
WEL-
COME
BACK!!
REN!!
DID YOU HAVE A SCARY DREAM?
MUST HAVE BEEN A REAL NIGHTMARE
JERK
NO
LIMN
I MEAN...
COVER
COVER

DI—
DID NOT!
WELL, I GUESS YOU'RE OF THAT AGE NOW AREN'T YOU
YOU GOT INTO THAT KIND OF MOOD AFTER WATCHING THIS? HOW NICE TO BE SO YOUNG...
AHH..
Blocking the front from view
MAINE

Sigh.
LIKE I'M GOING TO TELL HIM THAT!!
It wasn't the video's fault
It's because I had an adult-rated dream about Ren

UHG...
WELL...
SLINK OFF
UUUM
?
I'M GOING BACK TO MY ROOM
NIGHT

!!
たっしゃ
WHAT!?
WH
WHL WHL..
DRAG
ぼ!!
!3!ん

I...
I AM SITTING
somewhat forced(ly) actually...
WELL, IT'S FINE. SO SIT
IN THIS STATE OF AFFAIRS...
IT'LL BE PRETTY UNCOMFORTABLE JUST GOING BACK TO YOUR ROOM LIKE THIS, WON'T IT?
?
EH?
ERM
HANG ON
WAAH!!
WHE WHE WHE
WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU'RE TOUCHING!! REN!!
ぴろ

IN MY ROOM. ALONE!
IT'S OKAY!
I CAN DO IT MYSELF!
SPIN SPIN SPIN
RUSTLE
THIS ISN'T ANYTHING TO RUN AWAY FROM NOW IS IT?
I'M JUST LENDING YOU A HAND
YOU DON'T WANT ME TO?
THU-DUMP

But still...!!!
STO...
REN!!
Don't want him to? That's not it
AH
NO...
That's definitely not the case now, is it?

Much more than inside the dreams
This feels so much more lewd
His fingers
Ren's fingers are
YOUJI
RELAX
IT'S OKAY
enveloping
SHIVER...

NN..
I'M GOING TO COME..!!
I'M GOING TO..
AN..
..GH
NO LET GO
SCRAPE
AAAH..
REN..

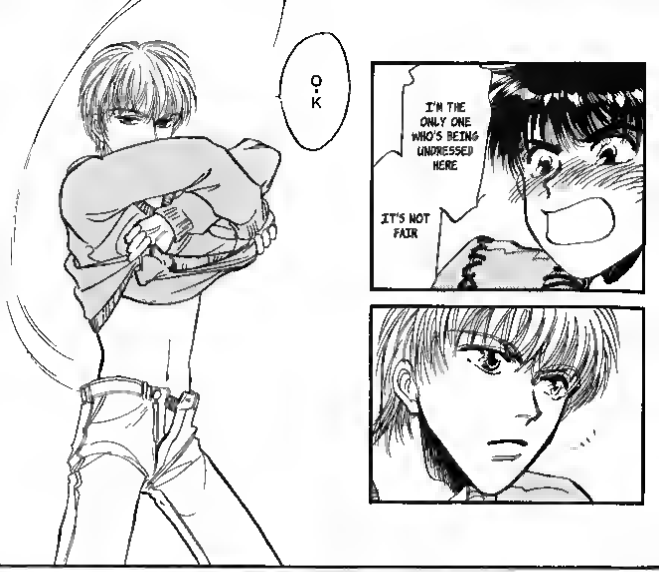
If it's like this, then—
TEARS WELLING
Shameful
in a powerful, awful sort of way...
Hah
Haah
Haah
YOUJI?
LET GO OF ME!
IT'S ENOUGH NOW ISN'T IT!?

...URG
STILL AWFULLY LIVELY DOWN THERE
YOU DON'T LOOK VERY SATISFIED TO ME
WELL THAT'S HARDLY SURPRISING IS IT!
I CAN'T HELP IT IF REN'S THE ONE TOUCHING ME!
I DON'T EVEN KNOW IF YOU'RE JUST TEASING ME, OR MAKING A FOOL OF ME...
AND YOU'RE NOT BEING SERIOUS, YOU'RE JUST DOING AS YOU PLEASE
I LIKE YOU!

LIKE THIS...
IF IT'S LIKE THIS THEN
I'M...
SORRY
DON'T CRY, YOUJI
I NEVER MEANT TO TEASE
OR MAKE A FOOL OUT OF YOU

UP TILL NOW YOU'RE THE ONE WHO WOULDN'T BE WITH ME
THEN WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS?
I WONDER - WHY AM I?
I WANTED TO
I WANTED TO DO THIS FOR YOU...
LIAR!
JUST A BIT
UGH
REN, YOU REALLY SMELL OF ALCOHOL
HAVE YOU BEEN DRINKING?

YOU'RE SUCH A DRUNK...
MH?
AH
NH
!!
Waah my pants
IT'S BECAUSE THEY GOT A BIT DIRTY
MUST FEEL UNCOM-FORTABLE
DON'T TAKE ADVANTAGE OF MY TURMOIL BY TAKING MY CLOTHES OFF!!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING
CONTI-NUING
WHA WHA WHA
LICK



I never thought Ren....

would actually strip his clothes as simply as that—

UH.....

NN

HAH

All the things that Saka told me
Are chasing round my head
But
hasn't truly sunk in yet...
The fact that this is really happenin-
"PLOP"?
PLOP

-GN

HEYYY
WHAT THE
ZZ
WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO LIKE THIS
Dammit, always with the yelling!
YOU REALLY ARE SMASHED, AREN'T YOU
ACK...
SO HEAVY
I GUESS I'LL CARRY HIM TO BED
IF HE STAYS LIKE THIS HE MIGHT CATCH A COLD.
ZZ
ZZ

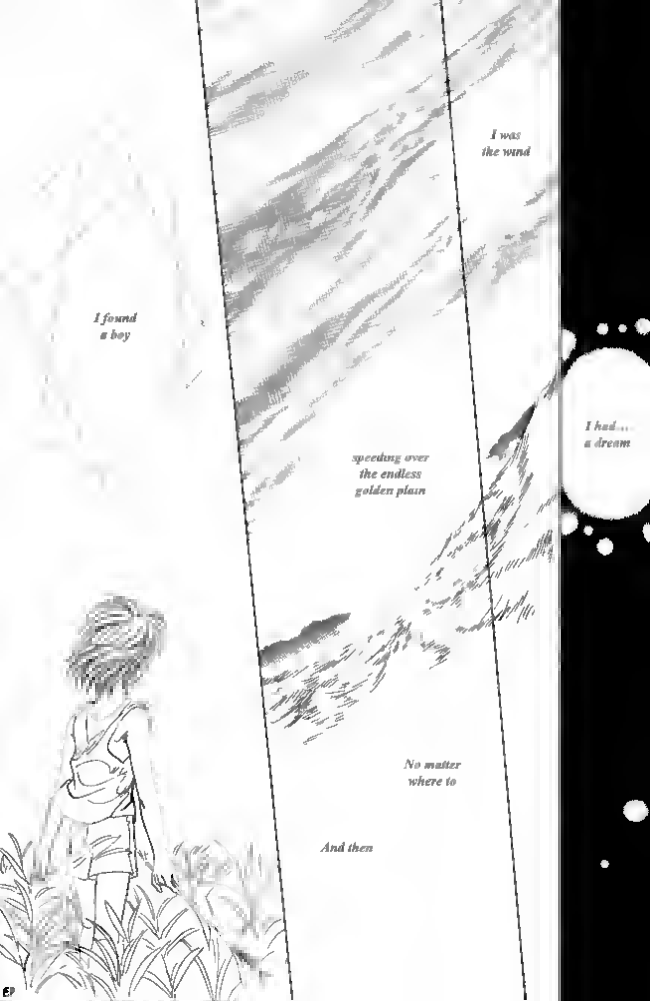
WELL, IF THE PERSON CAN'T BE MOVED...
WELL, THAT GOES WITHOUT SAYING; HE'S A BIG ADULT
AND A MAN
I GUESS...
IT'S OKAY IF I SLEEP HERE TOO
MAN, COMPLETELY OUT OF IT
HE'S REALLY NOT GOING TO WAKE UP IS HE
I wonder if I'm even able to
When I'm this excited

Huh?
It feels so good
My feelings are actually calming down
How strange
Hmmm
BUT NOW...
I THOUGHT PEOPLE ONLY DID THIS OUT OF LUST
EMBRACING SOMEONE NAKED
Oh The sounds of his heart beat

So that's how it is

Now, I am sure

There exists something different from lust


I was
the wind
I found
a boy
I had...
a dream
speeding over
the endless
golden plain
No matter
where to
And then

I am
HERE!

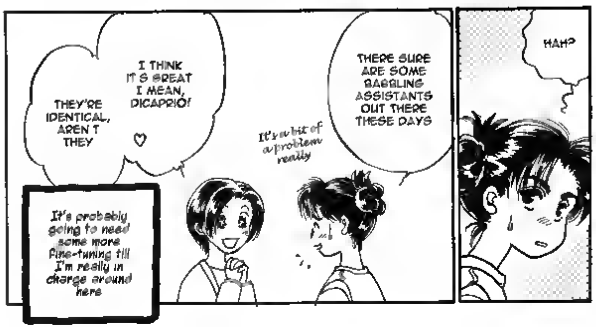
——To be continued in Yume no Kodomo——

STEP 5

YUME NO KODOMO
inclinations and counter-measures
PART Ⅳ

I drew this after running amok in that last chapter with a sudden feeling of "C'mon, Yuyu is pure as an angel" Please protect this image of him

My assistant made a problematic declaration
I don't want to say it's an exact fit, but actually isn't that what it is?
AH
SAKAI-KUN IS LEONARDO DICAPRIO, ISN'T HE
One day


THEY'RE IDENTICAL, AREN'T THEY
I THINK IT'S GREAT I MEAN, DICAPRIO!
It's a bit of a problem really
THERE SURE ARE SOME BABBLING ASSISTANTS OUT THERE THESE DAYS
HAH?
It's probably going to need some more fine-tuning till I'm really in charge around here

If I don't see her for a little while, she's thought of some new crazy fantasy

SO WONDER-FUL~~LL
SAKU-KUN
LEO
It feels like there's new imaginations in rotation all the time
LET'S SAY FOR NOW SAKAI IS DICAPRIO.
WHO IS YOUJI?
Seriously now, is this girl for real
CONK
HE'S SO CUTE, AND I PERSONALLY THINK HE'S THE SPITTING IMAGE OF YOUJI
HOW ABOUT KANESHIRO TAKESHI?
I GUESS HE IS A BIT TOO GROWN-UP, HUH
IS THAT HOW IT IS !?
The one who has nosebleeds at the underwear counter then alternates with a young is that the person you're talking about?
KYAAAHHHOOO!

Doesn't watch dramas or movies so she only has this kind of image. (

THE PROBLEM ISN'T THAT IT WOULDN'T WORK BUT HEY..
WELL IF YOUJI'S KANESHIRO, WHAT ABOUT REN?
AH
U--M
U--M
U--M
I GUESS THAT WOULDN'T WORK, HUH
YOU IMAGINE LEO LIKES SPENDING HIS TIME TRYING TO LEAD KANESHIRO AROUND HIS NOSE
SO WHAT YOU'RE SAYING IS
In this way, the beloved successive generations in charge
will continue the legacy of "Yume no Kodomo"
But for now, I'm going to need all your help for the sake of continuation, ne

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